

3. REMARKS

3.1 NATIONALIZATION

This application represents the U.S. national stage of International Patent Application PCT/NZ2003/000130, filed June 24, 2003.

As the text of the International Application was transmitted by the International Bureau, an additional copy is not required to satisfy 35 U. S. C. § 371(c)(2). Nonetheless, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of international application PCT/NZ2003/000130 is enclosed in the form of the published PCT Application WO 2004/113516 A1.

3.2 NATIONAL STAGE CLAIMS

After according a U.S. filing date, and before calculating the filing fee, entry of the foregoing claim amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-26 are now presently pending in the application.

The changes to the claims herein are being made solely to conform them to U.S. practice, and to more distinctly claim the invention. Aside from removing the multiple dependencies throughout, and introducing minor changes to accord with U.S. practice and to further improve the clarity of the claims, the current claims represent substantially those at the conclusion of PCT examination. Most of the changes to improve the clarity of the revised claims are supported by each claim itself, so their support is inherently clear.

All of the revised claims are fully supported by the Specification and claims of the international application and do not constitute new matter. Likewise, submission of these amended claims does not represent abandonment of any of the subject matter of the claims originally present in the international application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to re-file claims to such aspects of the invention in suitable divisional(s), or continuing, or continuation-in-part application(s) during the pendency of the present application.

3.3 FEES AND FORMALITIES

The national filing fee and claim fees are included herewith. The fees have been calculated after the present changes to remove the multiple dependencies throughout the claims. Any omitted fees should be deducted from Haynes and Boone Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

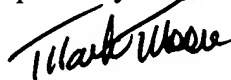
In light of an overall positive IPER, Applicants submit that the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any

questions or comments, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

3.4 CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order 36677.38.

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